

The Revista de Entomologia.

On April 25, 1931, there appeared the first fascicle of a new publication devoted primarily to the entomology of the vast Neotropical faunal area. The list of contributors to this initial volume, including the late John Merton Aldrich, Walther Horn and William Morton Wheeler, together with many others still living, indicated clearly the high standard that was proposed. This high calibre of authorship has been maintained consistently throughout the entire series of ten large volumes that have appeared to the present date. Its influence on the entomology of the Neotropics has been profound and cannot well be overestimated.

The founder and editor of the "Revista," P. Thomaz Borgmeier, recently has issued an appeal to certain of his subscribers in the United States calling to their attention the fact that, due to the disturbed conditions in Europe, many subscriptions to the magazine have been allowed to lapse and that if publication is to continue more subscribers must be obtained from countries not directly involved in the War. It is the purpose of this note to call the above fact to the attention of interested parties and friends of the "Revista" and thus do what is possible toward preventing the action suggested. It would be a catastrophe of highest order to have this splendid magazine cease publication or even be forced to curtail its activities to any degree. While being devoted primarily to entomology of South and Middle America, articles dealing with the North American fauna will be acceptable for publication.

The "Revista" considers all branches of entomology with thoroughness, including the Applied, Biological, Ecological, Morphological and Systematic aspects. Of particular interest and value to all scientists who are working on the Neotropical fauna is the section on "Bibliographia" wherein is presented a record of all papers that relate directly or indirectly to the entomology of the Neotropics. This section alone is well worth the price of the entire volume. It seems certain that the present disturbance in the Old World is merely a passing phase and that when peace is again restored South America and its virtually unlimited natural resources, including its wealth of insects and insect problems, will forge rapidly ahead in public attention and interest. It is because of this permanence of the future that the present doubt concerning the financial condition of the "Revista" should be speedily removed.

The "Revista" is published in three large fascicles per annum, recent volumes having included from approximately 450 to 600 pages, with numerous plates and text figures. The leading

articles are published in English, French, German, Portuguese or Spanish, according to the nationality of the contributor. The magazine has received the highest possible commendation from many scientists, including several American entomologists. New subscriptions should be sent to the Editor, P. Thomaz Borgmeier, Convento S. Antonio, Largo da Carioca, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. The subscription is four dollars, United States currency, per volume. The ten volumes that have appeared to this date may be obtained at the above stated annual subscription price by applying directly to P. Borgmeier.

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The Entomological Society of India.

This Society, founded at Calcutta, January 7, 1938, during the Silver Jubilee Session of the Indian Science Congress, has issued, under one cover, Vol. I, Parts 1 and 2 of *The Indian Journal of Entomology*, June, 1939, New Delhi. The cover states: "The Society exists for the encouragement and promotion of entomological study and research in India. Membership of the Society is open to all persons, over 18, interested in Entomology. Owing to the difficulty of members from all over India meeting frequently at any one place the Society has established branches at important scientific centres in different parts of the country, where its meetings are held. *The Indian Journal of Entomology*, which is to be the official organ of the Society will for the present be published twice a year in June and December, and will be supplied free to members. For non-members, institutions, etc., the subscription is fixed at Rs. 16 abroad." The Journal is not open for exchange. In a list of 42 Foundation Members, with one European exception, the names are Indian. The Executive Council for 1939 included M. Afzal Husain, *President*, Hem Singh Pruthi and T. V. Ramakrishna Ayyar, *Vice Presidents*. Dr. Pruthi is Chief Editor of the *Journal* and the other members of the editorial board are Drs. Ayyar, Khan A. Rahman, N. C. Chatterjee, Dev Raj Mehta and K. Lal, Managing Editor. In the opening article, "Ourselves," is the passage: "The number of amateur entomologists in India is very insignificant and even that of professional entomologists is far from being adequate. The task of exploration of the insect communities of different ecological areas . . . cannot adequately be tackled unless there is a body of workers interested in insect life for its own sake and is pursuing studies unhampered by any considerations of their immediate utility."

We wish the Society and its Journal all success!